

COWLITZ-WAHKIAKUM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regular Board Meeting

Virtual ~ Via Zoom

Thursday, March 24, 2022 ~ 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

General/Special Representatives/Alternates

Paul Helenberg, City of Castle Rock, Chair
Dennis Weber, Cowlitz County
Lee Tischer, Wahkiakum County
Adam Smee, City of Kalama
Andrew Hamilton, City of Kelso
MaryAlice Wallis, City of Longview
David Olson, Town of Cathlamet
Jeanne Hendrickson, Town of Cathlamet
Troy Stariha, Port of Kalama

Mark Wilson, Port of Kalama
Doug Averett, Port of Longview
Jennifer Wray-Keene, Port of Woodland
Bill Hallanger, Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue
Sammy Brown, Cowlitz County Fire Dist. #5
Steve Taylor, Cowlitz PUD
Gene Healy, Wahkiakum PUD
Patti Bowen, Longview School District
Michael Green, Woodland School District

Associate/Affiliate Representatives/Alternates

Ilona Kerby, Lower Columbia CAP
Teresa Stedman, City of Washougal

Stephanie Helem, Three Rivers Regional
Wastewater Authority

Guests

Anthony Peña, Sen. Murray's office
Sarah Kohout, Sen. Cantwell's office

Laurie Lebowski, WSDOT

Staff

Bill Fashing
Anisa Kisamore
Rachelle Nugent
Keshia Owens
Brandon Robinson

Ken Pearrow
Lauren Read
Robert Stevens
Marcella Smith

1. Call to Order & Introduction

The regular monthly meeting of the CWCOG Board of Directors was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, through a virtual Zoom conference. Chair Helenberg, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were received.

3. Consent Agenda

Minutes from the February 24, 2022, regular Board of Directors meeting and agency expenditures for February 2022 were presented in the agenda packet.

Motion: MaryAlice Wallis moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with expenditures totaling \$84,004.01. Motion adopted.

4. **Action Items**

A. **Resolution 22-06: Surface Transportation Block Grant Project Selection**

Robert Stevens reviewed 8 projects received from the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP) Call for Projects. The total funds available for allocation is \$3,149,338 (Urban \$1,676,626; Rural \$956,572; Urban or Rural \$516,140). He asked for consideration and approval by the Board of Directors for: South Cloverdale Road (Rural-\$1,472,712-Cowlitz County); Allen Street, 17th Ave to Three Rivers Drive Corridor Study (Urban-\$389,000-Kelso); Tennant Way Corridor Traffic Signal Improvements (Urban-\$1,034,176-Longview); and Gun Club Road Sidewalk & Bike Lane Project (Urban-\$380,597-Woodland) totaling \$3,276,485. Comments were received.

5. **Information Items**

No items were presented.

6. **Executive Director's Report**

Bill Fashing spoke briefly about each of the following: The 2022 STBGP Guidance ranking system for projects, Davis-Bacon regulation update, Regional Freight Stakeholders Survey, Public Transportation Users Survey, Spirit Lake/Toutle-Cowlitz Rivers Collaborative budget approval for FY 2022-2023, and Lower Columbia Investment Network opportunities. Comments were received.

7. **Executive Committee Report**

The Executive Committee had no report for March 2022.

8. **Other Business**

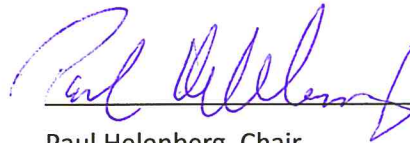
No items were presented.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



William A. Fashing, Executive Director



Paul Helenberg, Chair



Marcella Smith, Planning Assistant